

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-52 are currently pending. Claims 1, 11, 17, 24, 29, 38 and 41 have been amended; and claims 10, 23, 37 and 47 have been canceled; and new claims 49-52 have been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

I. The Abstract is Properly in Conformance

Pursuant to the previous amendment, and the absence of any mention concerning an outstanding objection, Applicants believe that the Abstract is no longer objected to. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner formally withdraw the objection made previously to the Abstract.

II. Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0055655 to Souminen (hereinafter "Souminen"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and have amended all of the independent claims as indicated above. Specifically, Applicants firmly believe that Souminen fails to teach or suggest each and every element for at least the basis that Souminen fails to teach or suggest the aspects presently incorporated into the independent claims by the foregoing amendment. Specifically, and as relied upon in the Office Action generated on October 18, 2007, the Examiner has indicated that the particular algorithm discussed in Souminen at step 1430, to generate a list of alternative text comparable to the selection is provided. This list includes text segments that each receive a high score (but not the maximum score) *emphasis added* during the particular testing. Clearly, since the amended limitation to the independent claim describes an algorithm by which a maximum constraint is employed vis a vis the maximum score, clearly Souminen is no longer applicable to Applicants' claimed invention. In fact, the aspect of Souminen that employs a high score but not

the maximum score, clearly teaches away from Applicants claimed invention for at least the reasons discussed above as well as the specific recitations concerning the algorithm employed with Applicants' claimed invention.

III. Conclusion

All matters having been addressed in the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application and immediate allowance of all pending claims. Applicants' undersigned representative remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains an issue in which the Examiner feels will be best resolved through a Personal Telephone Interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

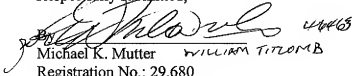
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact William D. Titcomb Reg. No. 46,463 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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